## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: THE USE OF ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS FROM THE GROUP

CONTAINING YTTRIUM, NEODYMIUM AND ZIRCONIUM

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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This letter is responsive to the final Office Action electronically transmitted 5 October 2009. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – none;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2;

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none;

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 6.